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Report on Public Chapters and Resolutions Affecting Pre-K-12 Education in Tennessee

Public Chapter Number	Senate & House Bill Numbers	Description / Action Required / Senate and House Sponsors	Effective Date	DOE Point of Contact
612	SB2629 HB2545	Reserves the power to determine a teacher's fitness for reemployment for the director of schools; requires director to act in accordance with board policy and any locally negotiated agreement. (S: McNally; H: Brooks, H.)	03/11/08	Christy Ballard
628	SB2980 HB3252	Directs the state board of education to develop guidelines for LEAs to use to foster foreign language fluency for all students in grades K-12. (S: Norris; H: Coley)	07/01/08	Assistant Commissioner, Teaching & Learning
632	SB2583 HB2584	Authorizes LEAs to provide hearing examinations for children who are unable to pay for such hearing testing. (S: Marrero; H: Coley)	07/01/08	Robert Greene
647	SB3284 HB3615	Extends requirement that a school board give 10 days' notice before a meeting at which it plans to extend a director of school's time in office or to terminate, suspend, or remove a director, except in cases concerning allegations of criminal or professional misconduct. (S: Tracy; H: Maddox)	03/25/08	Christy Ballard
676	SB3366 HB3942	Requires school principals to grant students excused absences for up to 10 days for purposes of visiting a parent or legal guardian who is stationed outside of the country and is granted rest recuperation leave by the United States military. (S: Beavers; H: Lynn)	04/01/08	Christy Ballard
678	SB3642 HB3485	Revises provisions concerning required training in special education law for mediators conducting special education mediations and administrative law judges conducting special education due process cases. (S: Ketron; H: Winningham)	04/01/08	Joseph Fisher
683	SB2612 HB2482	Authorizes local school boards to lease or sell buildings and property it determines are not being used or are not needed at present by the public school system in such manner as is deemed by the board to be in the best interest of the school system and the community that the system serves. (S: Black; H: McDonald)	04/02/08	Robert Greene
691	SB2655 HB2546	Increases number of modular buildings that LEA career-technical students may construct and sell without complying with the Modular Building Act from one to five per school per school year; removes limitation that such buildings be residential; corrects typographical error in statute. (S: Tracy; H: Brooks, H.)	07/01/08	Ralph Barnett

795	SB2828 HB2775	Encourages LEAs to place automatic external defibrillators in schools; placement of such devices shall be within LEA's existing fiscal resources; classifies misuse or abuse of AED on school property by a student as misconduct that will subject student to disciplinary action. (S: Bunch; H: Brooks, H.)	07/01/08	Robert Greene
862	SB3306 HB3322	Requires that art supplies purchased by any school or school district for use by students in K-6 must be certified non-toxic by the Arts and Creative Materials Institute and must bear the Approved Product (AP) or Certified Product (CP) seal certifying that the product is safe and contains no materials in sufficient quantities to be toxic or injurious to children; revises other provisions regarding art supplies for students. (S: Burks; H: Brown)	07/01/08	Assistant Commissioner, Teaching & Learning
865	SB2821 HB2790	Urges all public schools to provide instruction on nonviolence as means to conflict resolution as part of character education curriculum. (S: Marrero; H: Cooper)	07/01/08	Robert Greene
867	SB3282 HB2976	Establishes system of grants outside of the BEP for additional funding of career and technical education. (S: Tracy; H: Winningham)	05/06/08	Ralph Barnett
885	SB3232 HB2610	Prohibits adverse job actions against teachers by an LEA for refusing to participate in or to remain silent about illegal activities. (S: Woodson; H: Hardaway)	07/01/08	Christy Ballard
888	SB3233 HB2981	Permits the creation of work experience and career employment programs that provide study and employment in career and technical education programs for students 14 years of age or older; provided, that such programs comply with state and federal law on employment of minors. (S: Woodson; H: Brooks, H.)	05/08/08	Ralph Barnett
889	SB2808 HB2974	Requires CEO of the lottery corporation to report quarterly to the commissioners of education and finance and administration and the chairs of the house and senate education and finance, ways and means committees the amount of prize money that became unclaimed prize money in the preceding quarter. (S: Woodson; H: Winningham)	05/08/08	Robert Greene
898	SB3024 HB2544	Allows the school boards of each county, municipal, and special school district to establish ethical standards used to govern their respective school district; requires the Tennessee School Boards Association (TSBA) to disseminate models of ethical standards for officials and employees of school districts. (S: Tracy; H: Brooks, H.)	04/12/08	Christy Ballard
916	SB3469 HB3321	Requires the commissioner of education to report on a semi-annual basis to the select oversight committee on education and the education committees of each house of the general assembly regarding disciplinary actions in Tennessee schools. (S: Burks, H: Brown)	07/01/08	Robert Greene

925	SB3364 HB3943	Adds licensed teacher's leave to visit a spouse, child, or parent deployed for military duty to present situations eligible for mandatory grant of leave from employment; authorizes licensed teachers to take up to 10 days leave without forfeiture of leave credits, tenure, or other fringe benefits, in order to visit a spouse, child, or parent deployed for military duty out of the country who has been granted rest and recuperation leave. (S: Beavers; H: Lynn)	07/01/08	Christy Ballard
931	SB2321 HB0081	Requires LEAs to provide remediation services to any student who fails a portion of any Tennessee comprehensive assessment program test and annually report the number and type of all such interventions to the commissioner of education. (S: Tate; H: Cooper)	07/01/08	Connie J. Smith
938	SB3286 HB3612	Provides that the state board of education will develop a formula to govern distribution of any funding appropriated outside the BEP for technology, Internet, Internet connectivity, or e-learning. (S: Tracy; H: Maddox)	05/16/08	Robert Greene
940	SB2155 HB2176	Requires extension of contract of director of schools to be the first item on the agenda of board meeting in which contract extension is to be considered and changes the period of notice required for such action from 10 days to 15 days prior to the meeting in which contract extension is to be considered. (S: Burks; H: Winningham)	05/19/08	Christy Ballard
955	SB2566 HB2944	Requires the commission on civic education to give annual reports to the speaker of the house and speaker of the senate. (S: Woodson; H: McCormick)	05/19/08	Assistant Commissioner, Teaching & Learning
963	SB3341 HB3158	Specifies that each local school board's plan for compliance with nutritional breakfast and lunch programs include specific provisions to encourage purchasing local agriculture. (S: Williams; H: Harrison)	07/01/08	Robert Greene
967	SB4008 HB3923	Authorizes motor vehicles used in driver education and training courses to use amber lights in the front and rear of such motor vehicles. (S: Stanley; H: Coley)	05/19/08	Robert Greene
983	SB2920 HB2779	Requires each LEA to include art and music education in all K-12 public schools; and directs the state board of education to provide appropriate curriculum for such instruction. (S: Marrero; H: Cooper)	07/01/08	Assistant Commissioner, Teaching & Learning
985	SB3080 HB 3051	Encourages LEAs to conduct investigations to determine if any special hazard zones are present within walking routes children commonly utilize going to and returning from schools. If hazard zones are found to be present, LEAs shall submit findings to the entity responsible for such road or highway for possible actions to minimize hazardous conditions. (S: McNally; H: Hackworth)	05/21/08	Robert Greene
989	SB3702	Requires the development of acceptable internet use policies for public and private schools to protect children from certain online material. (S: Haynes; H: Winningham)	07/01/08	Assistant Commissioner, Teaching & Learning

993	SB 4136 HB 4169	Creates a two-year pilot initiative for metro Nashville public schools wherein class sizes in career and technical education classes may be extended not to exceed the limit set for academic classes in grades seven through 12, only where programs are implemented that use the career academy or small learning community model; requires the department of education to convene a committee for the purpose of reviewing and making recommendations based on the two-year pilot initiative. (S: Haynes; H: Gilmore)	05/21/08	Ralph Barnett
996	HB 2755 SB 3186	Urges LEAs to staff grades K-12 teaching positions with personnel fully licensed and endorsed to teach such grades. (S: Harper; H: Pruitt)	07/01/08	Assistant Commissioner, Teaching & Learning
1002	HB 3640 SB 3603	Requires child living on parcel crossed by county boundaries to attend school in the county in which the residence is taxed. (S: Tracy; Johnson, P.)	07/01/08	Christy Ballard
1006	HB 4148 SB 4185	Revises and clarifies procedures and direction for schools and LEAs placed in improvement status for failure to make adequate yearly progress. (S: Kyle; H: Odom)	05/21/08	Connie J. Smith
1037	SB 4104 HB 4089	Allows the state board of education to develop a curriculum for an academic and nonsectarian study of the Bible for LEAs to teach. Bill also permits approved Bible courses taught in the 2007-08 school year to be taught by other LEAs. (S: Herron; H: Maddox)	07/01/08	Assistant Commissioner, Teaching & Learning
1052	SB2765 HB2719	Adds aggravated sexual battery and aggravated sexual battery of a child to the crimes of which a child's school must be notified when the child has been adjudicated delinquent involving such offenses. (S: Burks; H: Fincher)	07/01/08	Christy Ballard
1053	HB2720 SB2764	Expands the requirement that parents notify schools when a student is found delinquent involving certain crimes and details the procedure school officials must follow in response. (S: Burks; H: Fincher)	07/01/08	Christy Ballard
1054	HB3268 SB2798	Allows volunteer school personnel with proper training to administer anti-seizure medications to a student in an emergency situation in accordance with the student's individual health plan. (S: Woodson; H: Maddox)	07/01/08	Robert Greene
1063	SB2609 HB2471	Special Education Isolation and Restraint Modernization and Positive Behavioral Supports Act. Prohibits certain types of restraint and seclusion. Requires state board of education to promulgate rules and regulations concerning the use of isolation or restraint with students who receive special education services. (S: Black; H: Jones, S.)	01/01/09	Joseph Fisher
1080	SB2807 HB3076	Clarifies that any person, corporation, or other entity who enters or renews a contract, or contracts with any person or entity who enters or renews a contract, with a school, local board of education, or child care program is responsible for obtaining criminal background checks on all employees who go on school grounds; authorizes out-of state employers to satisfy requirement by showing that background checks were conducted in another state; creates limited exemptions to background check requirement.	05/30/08	Christy Ballard

1096	SB2008 HB1872	Enacts the virtual public schools act to provide certain educational resources to students via the internet. Authorizes the state board of education to promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the act. The department of education and LEAs are authorized to operate such virtual learning programs. (S: Southerland; H: Hawk)	06/05/08	Connie J. Smith
1097	SB2162 HB1943	Expands opportunities for parent involvement in public schools. (S: Burks; H: Winningham)	07/01/08	Assistant Commissioner, Teaching & Learning
1102	SB3409 HB2972	Directs commissioner of education to require each LEA's director of schools to submit an annual personnel report to the department. (S: Tate; H: Winningham)	07/01/08	Robert Greene
1103	SB3789 HB3857	Requires for-profit postsecondary institutions to make disclosures to students about the transferability of credits and certain other information before the student signs a contract with the institution. (S: Kurita; H: Odom)	07/01/08	Assistant Commissioner, Teaching & Learning
1133	SB3401 HB4002	Adds students in grades K-3 who qualify for free or reduced price lunch to prospective student population of public charter schools; requires comptroller to appoint a task force to study statutes that authorize public charter schools; extends limit on number of charter schools to 2011; extends authorization to create charter schools to 2015.	06/13/08	Assistant Commissioner, Teaching & Learning
1142	SB0611 HB0653	Makes changes to eligibility requirements for HOPE scholarships; enacts the "Helping Heroes Act of 2008" to provide scholarships for veterans; enacts the "Tennessee Rural Health Act of 2008" to provide scholarships to students in health care fields who agree to practice in health resource shortage areas; creates pilot project to provide laptop computers to 100 students in each grand division. (S: Woodson; H: Winningham)	06/13/08	Assistant Commissioner, Teaching & Learning
1156	HB3278 SB3530	Amends School Support Organization Act to somewhat redefine or clarify "school support organizations" and "student activity funds". Requires LEAs to adopt certain related policies and requires certain minimum standards for school support organizations. (S: Herron; H: Maddox)	07/01/08	Robert Greene
1175	SB2809 HB2975	Creates the "lottery for education after school programs grant fund" administered by the department of education for deposit of excess lottery funds for after school programs and technical assistance; provided, that lottery-funded postsecondary financial assistance programs are fully funded; requires after school program grants to be three-year grants. (S: Woodson; H: Winningham)	07/01/08	Robert Greene
1188	SB4039 HB4039	Enacts the "Energy Efficient Schools Initiative [EESI] of 2008." (S: McNally; H: Winningham)	07/01/08	Robert Greene

1195	SB2554 HB3418	Allows LEAs to promulgate and adopt rules and regulations to prohibit the activities of criminal gangs on school property. Requires LEAs and local law enforcement to annually evaluate the threat and influence of gangs on school children and the community. If LEA finds substantial gang treat, LEA shall institute gang awareness education in vulnerable elementary and middle schools. (S: Tate; H: Shaw)	07/01/08	Connie J. Smith
1203	SB4213 HB4219	Makes appropriations for fiscal years 2007-2008 and 2008-2009. (S: Kyle; H: Fitzhugh)	07/01/08	Robert Greene

Resolution Number	Description	SDE Point Person
HJR 0811	Directs office of education accountability to survey each LEA conducting pre-K program to determine if all employment rights for K-12 teachers also accrue to pre-K teachers and report findings to the general assembly.	Bobbi Lussier
HJR 0932	Urges the Tennessee Department of Education to study and develop lesson plans for parents to use with the Books from Birth program.	Bobbi Lussier
SJR 0638	Designates Wednesday, November 19, 2008, as “Civic Education Day” in Tennessee	Assistant Commissioner, Teaching & Learning
SJR 1180	Directs the BEP review committee to study funding policies implemented by local governments in light of increased state funding through BEP 2.0.	Robert Greene